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SENATOR JACOBS TO HOST INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAMS

(LANSING)—State Senator Gilda Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods) will be hosting a seminar on Friday, March 14, to provide information about prescription drug discount programs available to Michigan citizens. The training program will be held in the Marcotte Room at the Southfield Public Library from 9:30 a.m. to noon and is created for nurses, health care professionals and community leaders serving the elderly, indigent, and/or disabled.

“Prescription drug costs have become unmanageable for so many of our seniors,” said Jacobs. “There are a number of programs that offer discounts on prescription medications but many people are unaware that they exist. This seminar will provide some specific information about the programs that Pfizer and other pharmaceutical companies offer and how people can take advantage of the discounts available on some commonly prescribed medications.”

The seminar will be led by a representative from Pfizer who will walk participants through the programs they offer and provide detailed information about how to determine eligibility and enrollment procedures.

After the training seminar, information about discount drug programs will be shared through faith-based organizations, senior centers, and family service agencies.

“Until a legislative solution is found to provide affordable prescription drugs for our most vulnerable citizens, we should be providing as much information as possible about programs that will help them reduce their costs,” said Jacobs. “Friday’s event is just one step in that direction.”

State Senator Gilda Jacobs represents the 14th Senate District, which includes Farmington, Farmington Hills, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Lathrup Village, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak Township, and Southfield. She is the Minority Vice Chair of the Families & Human Services Committee and the Economic Development, Small Business & Regulatory Reform Committee. She also serves on the Government Operations and Health Policy Committees.

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